

In the Specification:

The following specification amendments are presented as replacement paragraphs to show changes made relative to the immediate prior version as set out in 37 C.F.R. §1.121(a)(1). The changes are shown by strikethrough or double brackets for deleted matter and underlining for added matter.

Amend paragraph 14 as follows:

The linking member 22 is associated with the lower steering column jacket 12 for sliding movement parallel to telescoping movement 15. The linking member 22 moves linearly relative to the lower steering column jacket ~~[[22]]~~ 12 in response to tilting movement 17 of the tilt housing 16 and in response to telescoping movement of the upper steering column jacket 14. In the exemplary embodiment of the invention, ~~[[a]]~~ the linking member 22 of the locking device 18 includes a second end 46 slidably associated with the lower steering column jacket 12. The single locking device 18 also includes a guide 48 connected to the lower steering column jacket 12 with fasteners, such as bolts 50, 50a, 50b, 50c. The guide 48 defines an aperture 52 for receiving the second end 46 of the linking member 22.

Amend paragraph 16 as follows:

The single locking device 18 also includes a wedge member 54 selectively engageable with the linking member 22 and the lower steering column jacket ~~[[22]]~~ 12 to prevent relative motion between a linking member 22 and ~~[[a]]~~ the lower steering column jacket 12. As best shown in Figures 5 and 6 respectively, the wedge member 54 is rotatable between the locked position and the unlocked position. In the locked position, the wedge member 54 substantially prevents relative telescoping movement 15 between the lower steering column jacket 12 and the upper steering column jacket 14 and, as a result, tilting movement 17 between the upper steering column jacket 14 and the tilt housing 16.

Amend paragraph 18 as follows:

The rod 60 extends through an aperture 62 defined by the guide 48 and an aperture 68 defined by the lower steering column jacket 12. The aperture 62 extends transverse to the linking member 22 and to the aperture 52. The apertures [[48]] 62 and 68 cooperate to form a substantially [[a]] common aperture to guide rotational movement of the rod 60. The apertures 62 and 68 define respective enlarged portions 94 and 70. The enlarged portion 94 of the aperture 62 communicates with the aperture 52. The enlarged portions 94, 70 are aligned such that the wedge member 54 is positioned in both enlarged portions 94, 70, best shown in Figures 5 and 6.